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Sheriff Warren Rupf Contra Costa County 651 Pine Street, 7th Floor Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Sheriff Rupf:

I am writing to follow up with you on my previous letter with regard to the persistent problem of enforcement by the Sheriff's office as it relates to the ignition of fireworks in East County.

As you know, the type of fireworks that are continuing to cause the problem are the commercial-type mortars that are launched into the air and then land on the ground at all hours of the evening. Constituents of mine describe the problem as "lighting up" their backyards and causing an extremely unreasonable amount of noise that affects the quiet use and enjoyment of their properties.

With the approaching celebration of Independence Day, this problem will continue to increase and I urge the Sheriff's office to proactively educate the public on the county's ban on fireworks and to aggressively enforce the county's fireworks ban. It is disrupting the lives of East County residents who are held captive to experience the unsettling noise and light that is produced by these commercial-type fireworks.

Please let me know what my office can do to work with you to address this problem. I look forward to helping you address it.

Sincerely,

MARY N. PIEPHO County Supervisor, District III